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For: **SAMPLE TARGET HAVING SAMPLE SUPPORT
SURFACE WHOSE FACE IS TREATED, PRODUCTION
METHOD THEREOF, AND MASS SPECTROMETER
USING THE SAMPLE TARGET**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows: